Beijing Normal University Business School PhD Program
(Full English-taught)

1. Introduction of Beijing Normal University Business School (BNUBS)
Beijing Normal University Business School (BNUBS) is an EQUIS accredited business school, ranked among top 1% in the world. Established in 1979, BNUBS has developed into an important personnel training and scientific research base in China’s economics and business management disciplines over the past 40 years. BNUBS has extensive experience and advantages in terms of faculty, learning resources, student management, and services in cultivating international students.

2. Program Introduction
The Doctoral of “International Development” is a fully English taught program is aiming to cultivate versatile talents with a global vision, sense of innovation and deep economic literacy, who can engage in international exchanges and political and economic activities, adapt to the complex political, economic, social, policy, cultural and legal environment of the world, communicate across cultures and serve in multinational companies, government departments, international organizations and related fields.

3. Application Requirements
1) Non-Chinese citizens who hold valid foreign passports;
2) Being friendly with China, and well-behaved; obeying China’s government laws and BNUBS’s rules and regulations and respecting Chinese’ customs and habits;
3) Ph.D. degree applicants should have a master’s degree or equivalent master’s degree;
4) As this program is fully English taught, applicants’ Chinese level is not required; but those from non-English-speaking countries should have graduated from English speaking universities, or be proficient in English or use English as a second language. It is recommended to attach relevant certificates to prove the English level (TOEFL score of at least 80, or IELTS 6.5);
5) Applicants should be in good health and health certificates issued by local public hospitals should be provided; Applicants should not have: 1) diseases prohibited from entry by China’s laws and regulations; 2) serious chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; 3) mental illness or epidemics which might seriously threaten public hygiene. Applicants should not be in the recovery phase of major surgery or acute illness, as well as with severe disability or in pregnancy.

4. Program Duration and Tuition
Duration: 3 years
Tuition: RMB 98,000 (3 years per person)

5. Courses and Language Requirements
All courses in this program are taught in English and the teaching model combines classroom teaching, independent learning, case discussion, social practice and academic salons.

6. Dissertation and Dissertation Defense
Doctoral dissertations are required to be completed independently in English with the mentors’ guidance. (Typeface: Times New Roman, type size: 12 fonts, 1.5-fold line spacing, and at least 80,000 words). The dissertation deliberation and defense will be organized by BNUBS and seriously complied with BNU’s degree granting rules and instructions and requirements by other universities.

The degree program is based on the first-level discipline of theoretical economics. Students could obtain a diploma and a doctor’s degree in economics after: completing the course credits and compulsory courses required by the program within the stipulated time, obtaining the minimum credits required, passing the exams, completing the dissertation and passing the dissertation defense and the review by the academic degree assessment committee of the degree-granting unit.
Within the maximum length of school years prescribed by BNU, students can apply for a doctor’s degree for at most two times. Postponed doctoral students should pay tuition as required by BNU and when they apply for a degree for the second time, they must bear the costs of dissertation detection, review, and defense.

7. Application Procedure

I. Application Eligibility

1) Applicants should be non-Chinese citizens holding a foreign passport under 50 years old;
2) Applicants should be in good health and character and respect Chinese customs and habits, willing to abide by both Chinese Law & Regulations and School Rule & Regulations;
3) Applicants for Doctoral Degrees should hold a qualification which is equivalent (or above) to a Master's Degree from a Chinese university;
4) Applicants who are non-native English speakers should provide a certificate of their English proficiency. For details, please refer to the related program information.

II. Application Period

*Suggested Application Time: December 1st–March 5th.*

*For Scholarship Application, the period is subject to the scholarship application period.
(Please note the date here means the day that application materials are mailed or sent in person to Admission Office of Beijing Normal University, Main Building A103.)*

III. Application Materials

Applicants must first visit http://apply.bnu.edu.cn/ and complete the online application procedure, and complete the payment of the registration fee. Detailed information about how to apply could be found on the web page: https://zyxd.17gz.org/html/0/guide_en.htm.

Please submit the following application materials by May 30th directly to Admission Office of Beijing Normal University (Main Building A103).

1) BNU Application Form for International Student (on completion of the online application form it must be downloaded and printed. Please stick the photo and ensure that
the application form is signed by the applicant and his/her guarantor.

2) Recommendation letters from two associate professors or scholars with higher academic titles. There is no specified format for the recommendation letters and all letters must be signed by the referee.

3) Completed Personal Statement Form (Master's course transcripts, original or notarized documents (in Chinese or English), abstracts of master's graduation thesis)

4) The original English-language proof materials from non-native English applicants;

5) The registration fee is RMB 600, online payment or cash payment (Note: applicants who apply for scholarships must also pay the registration fee);

6) One passport-size photo (excluding the photo required for the application form, please write your name on the back of the photo and apply for the department);

7) 2 copies of the passport, the passport must be a valid ordinary passport;

8) Published academic papers, patents obtained or other research results (original or photocopy).

New graduates may not provide proof of graduation and degree, but must provide proof of graduation at the school. If admitted, it must be paid at the time of enrollment. If it is not available, it will be disqualified.

Contact Information:

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